ABSTRACT

[0115]   A system and method for the secure distribution and consumption of electronic documents using a standard rendering engine. The documents can usage rights associated therewith. A server stores at least one of the documents in computer readable form. A client having a standard application program including a rendering engine capable of rendering unencrypted documents for viewing is operated by a user. The client and the server are coupled by a communications network. A security module controls requested for at least one of the documents on the server from the client and delivers the document and a set of rights associated with the document to the client.

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